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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 17, 2007, please reconsider the above-identified application as follows.

A listing of the claims begin on page 2; and
Remarks begin on page 12.

Applicant believes that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 09-0458.